

Other Medical Equipment and Services^a-Median and Mean Expenses per Person With Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 1996
All Other Medical Equipment and Services

Population Characteristic	Population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Per person with an expense		Total Expenses (in millions)	Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment				
			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other ^c
Total	268,905	19.9	158	286	15,282	53.6	28.2	6.8	5.5	5.9*
<u>Age in years</u>										
Under 65	234,856	18.0	150	248	10,497	56.9	30.1	0.5*	6.1	6.3*
Under 6	23,861	3.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	47,634	14.0	140	196	1,309	57.0	23.5	0.0*	17.0*	2.5*
18-44	109,149	18.4	138	225	4,533	57.1	31.0	0.0*	3.4	8.5*
45-64	54,212	27.2	190	301	4,430	58.2	30.6	1.1*	4.5	5.6*
65 and over	34,050	32.6	180	432	4,785	46.3	24.0	20.5	4.1	5.0
<u>Sex</u>										
Male	131,527	17.0	160	307	6,875	50.7	26.4	10.0	2.9	10.1*
Female	137,379	22.6	157	271	8,407	56.0	29.8	4.1	7.6	2.5
<u>Race/ethnicity</u>										
White and Other	205,258	22.0	160	292	13,169	55.0	29.8	7.7	3.4	4.0
Black	33,668	12.9	132	225	979	49.8	24.2*	1.6*	21.8	2.7*
Hispanic	29,979	13.2	138	287	1,134	40.9	12.9*	0.2*	15.2*	30.8*
<u>Health insurance status^d</u>										
<65, Any private	174,231	20.2	159	251	8,842	59.4	35.8	0.1*	0.2*	4.5*
<65, Public only	27,845	13.2	126	252	923	23.0	0.0*	4.5*	67.1	5.4*
<65, Uninsured	32,780	10.7	137	209	733	70.5	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	29.5*
65+, Medicare only	7,535	29.7	228	459	1,027	60.4	0.0*	24.7	0.0*	14.9
65+, Medicare and private	22,811	33.6	180	439	3,364	44.2	34.2	19.7	0.4*	1.6*
65+, Medicare and other public	3,555	32.4	156	336	388	28.6	0.0*	17.5*	46.5	7.4*
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<u>Poverty status^e</u>										
Negative or Poor	38,298	13.8	140	324	1,716	36.9	19.5*	7.5*	31.0	4.9*
Near-poor	12,946	16.9	140	260	571	49.1	14.7	11.8*	19.2*	5.2*
Low income	40,460	18.0	144	301	2,187	44.4	21.6	12.1*	4.7	17.2*
Middle income	88,262	20.1	160	272	4,824	57.7	29.3	9.0*	1.3	2.8*
High income	88,939	23.6	171	285	5,985	58.9	33.6	2.3*	0.4*	4.7*
<u>Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)</u>										
MSA	213,752	19.8	158	287	12,150	53.9	27.6	7.0	5.1	6.3*
Non-MSA	52,419	20.9	160	284	3,110	52.6	30.8	5.6*	6.6	4.5
Missing	2,734	4.8*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<u>Census Region</u>										
Northeast	51,965	19.5	167	274	2,774	62.0	28.2	3.6	3.0	3.2*
Midwest	62,673	22.5	166	292	4,109	52.6	34.3	5.0*	4.5*	3.6
South	93,901	18.7	148	244	4,276	61.5	18.4	8.1*	5.7	6.3*
West	60,366	19.4	165	353	4,123	40.8	32.4	9.3*	7.7*	9.8*

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Total	†	0.4	3	15	912	2.5	2.9	1.3	1.0	2.1*
<u>Age in years</u>										
Under 65	†	0.4	3	16	751	3.5	3.8	0.3*	1.4	3.0*
Under 6	†	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	†	0.7	7	22	162	5.7	4.3	0.0*	8.2*	1.4*
18-44	†	0.5	4	26	544	6.3	6.5	0.0*	0.7	6.0*
45-64	†	0.8	5	20	348	4.0	3.8	0.8*	1.3	3.2*
65 and over	†	1.0	8	33	446	3.5	3.5	3.5	1.1	1.2
<u>Sex</u>										
Male	†	0.5	5	24	552	3.5	3.2	2.7	0.7	4.3*
Female	†	0.5	4	19	664	3.7	4.4	1.0	1.6	0.6
<u>Race/ethnicity</u>										
White and Other	†	0.5	3	15	830	2.7	3.1	1.5	1.0	1.2
Black	†	0.8	10	24	124	5.9	7.7*	0.6*	5.1	1.1*
Hispanic	†	0.7	9	78	317	11.3	4.6*	0.1*	5.7*	18.0*
<u>Health insurance status^d</u>										
<65, Any private	4,618	0.4	4	19	696	4.1	4.2	0.1*	0.1*	3.2*
<65, Public only	1,401	0.8	11	43	165	4.3	0.0*	3.7*	6.7	2.1*
<65, Uninsured	1,394	0.7	9	41	158	14.0	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	14.0*
65+, Medicare only	480	2.1	22	62	171	6.6	0.0*	5.6	0.0*	4.3
65+, Medicare and private	906	1.3	10	44	399	3.8	4.2	4.4	0.2*	0.6*
65+, Medicare and other public	271	3.2	16	70	90	7.9	0.0*	13.3*	11.3	4.5*
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<u>Poverty status^e</u>										
Negative or Poor	†	0.7	9	41	234	5.0	6.4*	2.9*	6.7	1.6*
Near-poor	†	1.5	15	35	91	5.6	4.3	4.3*	7.0*	2.9*
Low income	†	0.9	5	47	338	7.0	5.4	4.1*	1.2	11.3*
Middle income	†	0.5	6	19	377	3.5	3.0	3.1*	0.3	0.8*
High income	†	0.7	5	24	579	4.7	5.2	1.0*	0.2*	2.4*
<u>Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)</u>										
MSA	†	0.4	4	18	848	3.1	3.5	1.4	1.2	2.6*
Non-MSA	†	0.8	6	21	331	3.9	3.9	3.0*	1.7	1.3
Missing	†	2.3*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<u>Census Region</u>										
Northeast	†	0.8	8	24	304	5.3	5.9	0.9	0.9	1.0*
Midwest	†	0.7	6	22	359	3.6	3.7	2.5*	1.6*	1.0
South	†	0.7	5	19	453	3.2	2.6	2.7*	1.4	3.2*
West	†	0.7	7	50	646	5.8	8.2	2.8*	2.9*	6.8*

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b Private insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

c Other includes other public programs such as Department of Veterans Affairs (except CHAMPVA); other Federal sources (Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the Federal Government); other State and local sources (community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid); and other public (Medicaid payments reported for persons who were not enrolled in the Medicaid program at any time during the year). Other also includes Worker's Compensation; other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources); and other private insurance (any type of private insurance payments reported for persons without private health insurance coverage during the year, as defined in MEPS).

d Uninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

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<u>Age in years</u>										
Under 65	234,856	15.1	159	184	6,537	75.6	19.1	0.1*	3.5	1.8
Under 6	23,861	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	47,634	12.1	144	153	882	69.5	19.5	0.0*	9.3	1.7*
18-44	109,149	15.6	144	170	2,893	77.4	18.1	0.0*	2.8	1.8
45-64	54,212	23.0	190	218	2,725	75.8	19.7	0.1*	2.5	1.9
65 and over	34,050	21.6	165	186	1,369	75.8	12.2	6.4	2.6*	3.0
<u>Sex</u>										
Male	131,527	13.1	165	186	3,207	74.6	20.2	0.8	2.0	2.4
Female	137,379	18.6	157	184	4,699	76.3	16.3	1.4	4.3	1.7
<u>Race/ethnicity</u>										
White and Other	205,258	17.5	162	188	6,735	76.4	18.8	1.3	1.8	1.8
Black	33,668	10.5	139	170	604	73.0	9.0	0.9*	15.4	1.7*
Hispanic	29,979	11.1	145	171	567	69.2	16.4	0.3*	9.4	4.7*
<u>Health insurance status^d</u>										
<65, Any private	174,231	17.2	161	189	5,673	77.0	22.0	0.0*	0.3*	0.8
<65, Public only	27,845	9.0	131	148	373	35.8	0.0*	0.4*	58.0	5.8*
<65, Uninsured	32,780	9.0	150	166	490	89.5	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	10.5
65+, Medicare only	7,535	20.1	175	191	289	77.4	0.0*	13.0	0.0*	9.6*
65+, Medicare and private	22,811	22.7	170	192	995	77.1	16.7	4.7	0.2*	1.3*
65+, Medicare and other public	3,555	18.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<u>Poverty status^e</u>										
Negative or Poor	38,298	9.8	137	162	609	67.7	6.0	1.4*	19.5	5.4
Near-poor	12,946	11.2	137	167	242	73.3	10.3*	4.7*	9.9*	1.8*
Low income	40,460	13.9	140	161	907	76.7	10.3	2.1	6.8	4.1*
Middle income	88,262	16.5	162	183	2,671	75.1	20.4	1.5	1.5	1.5
High income	88,939	19.5	174	200	3,477	77.2	20.5	0.4*	0.6*	1.3
<u>Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)</u>										
MSA	213,752	16.1	159	185	6,378	75.2	18.3	1.2	3.1	2.1
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<u>Census Region</u>										
Northeast	51,965	16.1	170	195	1,632	81.1	13.2	1.2	3.1	1.4*
Midwest	62,673	17.5	162	180	1,974	77.5	17.1	1.0*	2.3	2.2
South	93,901	15.2	150	178	2,539	78.1	14.8	1.3	3.8	2.0
West	60,366	15.3	170	191	1,761	64.7	27.4	1.2	4.3	2.4

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Total	†	0.3	3	3	259	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.3
<u>Age in years</u>										
Under 65	†	0.4	3	3	228	1.1	1.0	0.0*	0.4	0.3
Under 6	†	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	†	0.6	7	6	69	2.9	2.6	0.0*	2.0	0.6*
18-44	†	0.5	4	4	122	1.5	1.3	0.0*	0.5	0.4
45-64	†	0.8	4	6	134	1.7	1.5	0.1*	0.6	0.4
65 and over	†	0.9	7	6	85	2.3	1.8	1.0	0.8*	0.8
<u>Sex</u>										
Male	†	0.4	5	4	145	1.5	1.4	0.2	0.4	0.5
Female	†	0.4	3	3	168	1.2	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.3
<u>Race/ethnicity</u>										
White and Other	†	0.4	3	3	242	1.1	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Black	†	0.7	10	9	57	3.2	1.7	0.4*	3.2	0.9*
Hispanic	†	0.7	9	7	50	2.9	2.4	0.2*	1.6	1.4*
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65+, Medicare only	480	2.0	22	13	37	4.5	0.0*	3.4	0.0*	3.3*
65+, Medicare and private	906	1.1	8	7	72	2.7	2.4	0.9	0.2*	0.6*
65+, Medicare and other public	271	2.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<u>Poverty status^e</u>										
Negative or Poor	†	0.6	8	8	51	3.3	1.5	0.5*	2.9	1.4
Near-poor	†	1.2	17	14	31	5.7	4.5*	2.0*	3.7*	0.9*
Low income	†	0.8	5	6	71	2.5	1.6	0.6	1.6	1.4*
Middle income	†	0.5	5	5	130	1.7	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
High income	†	0.6	6	4	174	1.5	1.5	0.2*	0.3*	0.3
<u>Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)</u>										
MSA	†	0.4	3	3	239	1.2	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.3
Non-MSA	†	0.7	6	7	102	2.1	1.7	0.2	0.8	0.7*
Missing	†	1.4*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<u>Census Region</u>										
Northeast	†	0.8	7	7	125	2.7	2.3	0.3	0.8	0.4*
Midwest	†	0.7	6	5	105	2.0	1.8	0.4*	0.6	0.6
South	†	0.5	4	5	167	1.8	1.6	0.4	0.8	0.5
West	†	0.6	7	6	119	2.1	1.8	0.3	0.9	0.6

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Black	33,668	3.0	80	375	375	12.4*	48.7*	2.7*	32.1*	4.1*
Hispanic	29,979	2.5	44*	761*	567*	12.7*	9.5*	0.0*	21.0*	56.8*
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<u>Census Region</u>										
Northeast	51,965	4.5	96	488	1,142	34.6	49.5	7.2*	2.9*	5.8*
Midwest	62,673	6.2	105	550	2,135	29.7	50.2	8.6*	6.6*	4.8*
South	93,901	4.5	74	414	1,738	37.2	23.5	18.1*	8.6*	12.6*
West	60,366	5.3	100	745	2,362	22.9	36.2*	15.3*	10.3*	15.2*

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Population Characteristic	Population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Per person with an expense		Total Expenses (in millions)	Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment				
			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other ^c
Total	†	0.2	8	54	832	3.3	5.3	2.7	2.1	4.2*
<u>Age in years</u>										
Under 65	†	0.2	6	74	700	4.6	8.3	0.9*	3.7*	7.3*
Under 6	†	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	†	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
18-44	†	0.2	8	135*	529*	6.5*	14.6	0.1*	1.9*	15.3*
45-64	†	0.4	17	84	307	6.7	8.4	2.1*	3.2*	7.6*
65 and over	†	0.8	31	73	414	4.4	4.7	4.8	1.6*	1.6
<u>Sex</u>										
Male	†	0.3	14	84	547	4.5	5.9	4.9	1.4*	7.4*
Female	†	0.3	10	78	615	4.8	7.9	2.3*	3.7*	1.3*
<u>Race/ethnicity</u>										
White and Other	†	0.3	9	55	744	3.6	5.5	3.1	2.0*	2.3*
Black	†	0.4	22	104	104	4.8*	15.0*	1.5*	12.0*	2.4*
Hispanic	†	0.3	20*	402*	309*	8.1*	7.7*	0.0*	13.3*	23.2*
<u>Health insurance status^d</u>										
<65, Any private	4,618	0.2	7	95	664	5.7	9.1	0.2*	0.2*	8.4*
<65, Public only	1,401	0.5	18	118	151	5.0*	0.0*	6.2*	9.3	2.9*
<65, Uninsured	1,394	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Medicare only	480	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Medicare and private	906	1.0	36	100	373	4.4	5.5	6.0	0.3*	0.8*
65+, Medicare and other public	271	2.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<u>Poverty status^e</u>										
Negative or Poor	†	0.4	32*	115	229	5.0	9.4*	4.5*	10.1	2.1*
Near-poor	†	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Low income	†	0.5	26	168	340	6.6*	10.0*	7.5*	1.4*	17.2*
Middle income	†	0.3	21	72	332	6.3	6.2	6.4*	0.5*	1.8*
High income	†	0.3	9	103	538	6.5	9.7	2.5*	0.1*	5.4*
<u>Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)</u>										
MSA	†	0.2	10	68	788	4.0	6.5	3.1	2.5*	5.3*
Non-MSA	†	0.5	15	67	268	5.1	6.7	5.7*	3.3*	2.3*
Missing	†	1.4*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<u>Census Region</u>										
Northeast	†	0.4	21	98	248	7.8	10.0	2.4*	1.5*	2.6*
Midwest	†	0.4	23	78	327	5.1	5.8	4.8*	2.8*	1.7*
South	†	0.4	15	71	350	5.2	6.2	6.2*	3.4*	6.9*
West	†	0.5	19	167	639	6.4	13.6*	5.6*	5.4*	11.3*

a Inpatient hospital and physician services, ambulatory physician and nonphysician services, prescribed medicines, home health services, dental services, and various other medical equipment and services that were purchased or rented during the year are included. Over-the-counter medications, alternative care services, and telephone contacts are excluded.

b Private insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

c Other includes other public programs such as Department of Veterans Affairs (except CHAMPVA); other Federal sources (Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the Federal Government); other State and local sources (community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid); and other public (Medicaid payments reported for persons who were not enrolled in the Medicaid program at any time during the year). Other also includes Worker's Compensation; other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources); and other private insurance (any type of private insurance payments reported for persons without private health insurance coverage during the year, as defined in MEPS).

d Uninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

e Poor refers to incomes below the Federal poverty line; near poor, over the poverty line through 125 percent of the poverty line; low income, over 125 percent through 200 percent of the poverty line; middle income, over 200 percent to 400 percent of the poverty line; and high income, over 400 percent of the poverty line.

† Standard error approximately zero because of poststratification to Census Bureau population control tables.

-- Less than 100 sample cases.

* Relative standard error equal to or greater than 30%.

Source: Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 1996.